



## Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order: by Russ Albert at 11:23 am.  
Present: John Herring, Pastor John, Dan Syverson, Eric Drake, Tyler Syverson, Jan Ethington, Dan King, Gary Powalish, Milly Van Valzah, Steve Shoudy  
Excused: Linda Hanson, Kara Wilcox  
Absent:
2. Opening devotion given and snack provided by Milly Van Valzah. The topic of the devotion is "The Holy Trinity – Shaped by Mystery"
3. Approval of Minutes June 24, 2007: Motion by Milly and seconded by Eric Drake. Approved with correction: John Herring was excused, not present.
4. Letter from Sharon Olson: Letter to attend seminary. Sharon needs a letter of endorsement and recommendation from church council. Motion by Cindy and seconded by Jan.  
Correspondence: Carpenter's Place. Sue Arntzen is requesting that we support the fundraising walk for Carpenter's Place. Motion by Eric, seconded by Jan. Refer to Social Concerns for logistics.
5. Pastor John's Comments:
  - Planning for fall is in the works.
  - Pastor John suggests a fall appeal for fundraising for roof repair. Cost to repair is \$3200. Siding, re-flashing, roof repair on clerestory section of sanctuary. Motion for a special appeal by John Herring and seconded by Gary Powalish. In building and grounds budget, there is nearly \$1000 for major maintenance, in case there is not \$3200 total raised. Motion that Russ draft a letter for a special appeal to the congregation, notifying them of the need and cost of the repair. Motion by Russ and seconded by Jan. Approved. Pr. John: if money is not received by mid-September, he suggests that Russ and Dan S present to the congregation.
  - Mission Gathering on October 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday evening) at St. Mark in Rockford with Bishop Wollersheim. Council is invited. Steve Shoudy and Cindy Loken are interested in attending,
6. Membership: No action.
7. Committee Reports
  - Building and Grounds: Discussion of roof repair. Work session on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Septic tank has been pumped out. Added a riser to make the pumping easier from here on. Howard worked on library shelving.
  - Education: Betsy Johnson is superintendent. New curriculum this year. Looking at Bible 101 class on Wednesday nights during confirmation time possibly.
  - Evangelism: Will meet Tuesday.
  - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Report by Dan. YTD deficit by nearly \$15000. Total deficit in general fund is \$26000. Details in Finance Committee Report. Ed Grob suggested a "Helping Hands" directory for members and businesses/gifts. Ed Grob's report: Internet travel service. 80% of travel is being booked online. Ed bought into an internet travel service. Possibility of turning this into an earned income venture. Ed will give 10% of his commission on travel booked by church

people to the church. Finance committee recommends and wishes for council endorsement. Letter was in the August newsletter providing information on Helping Hands. We will table the discussion until next month. Motion by Dan King to endorse Ed's proposal for his earned income initiative for people who are listed in the church directory. Seconded by John Herring. Ed's website is [www.webtravelinc.com](http://www.webtravelinc.com). Approved. Council is open to other service providers who would like to participate.

- Treasurer's report: Compared ytd for 2006 vs, 2007. Pledged/envelope income is up from 2006. Income is \$5000 up from last year, but still under budget. Expenses up by \$3200. In better shape than we were at this time last year, but still have quite a hill to climb. Down \$16000 for the year plus the carryover from previous years of \$12000. Question posed by Russ, due to Joe's finance committee minutes: is the current church staffing sustainable with the income/spending levels that we have? Do we increase income or reduce programs or staffing? Recommend to each committee requesting a hold on spending.
  - Preschool Committee: The committee met and Milly has a budget for the next year. Jennifer Ezop will be working as an aide this year.
  - Social Concerns: Jan was at the meeting in July and Cindy and Jan missed the August meeting. Hunger relief will be the concern of the month for September.
  - Stewardship: Starting on a plan for the fall. Will have witness testimony in the appeal. Eric Peterson is looking for people to participate. Sundays in October and November. Commitment Sunday is November 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Worship and Music: Had a contract prepared to give to Tabor for the bells.
  - Youth Ministry: Looking for more youth for high school group.
  - Sign task force: Not much activity. Pastor John suggested modifying our current sign, because of the reduced cost. Timing is not right for an appeal for the funds for the new sign now.
  - Audit Committee:
  - Personnel Committee:
  - Nominating Committee:
  - Earned Income Task Force: Sept 8 and 9. Midwest Family Festival of Fine Art and Crafts. Art Fair committee meets next Thursday.
  - Milly is looking for volunteers for the On the Waterfront.
  - Cindy picked up the booklets for the Bergner's sale.
8. Strategy and Specific Objective developments
  9. Other business:
  10. Assignment for feedback from this meeting: Will decide on a feedback date after the task force meets.
  11. The next meeting will be on September 16th, 2007 at noon.
  12. Russ will provide lunch and a devotion.
  13. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 12:19.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken  
Secretary